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In re Application of:

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Serial No. 09/476,669

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For:

METHOD FOR FORMING A

METALLIZATION STRUCTURE IN

AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

Group Art Unit: 1753 Examiner: Cantelmo, G.

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES UNDER 37 C.F.R. STORE CENTER TO THE CENTER TO

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(d) it is respectfully requested that the changes shown in red on the attached drawings be approved by the Examiner in the above-referenced case. As shown in Fig. 2 of the attached drawing, please extend the lines corresponding to reference numbers 310 to the ionizing element arranged along the sidewall of wetting layer deposition chamber 300 and change the reference number to 320. Reference number 320 designating the induction coil within the ionizing element should be changed to reference number 310. In addition, please add reference number 311 for the sidewalls of chamber 300. As will be set forth in more detail below, these changes do not present new matter.

Support for these changes may be found, for example, on page 17, lines 18-23 of the Specification. "Ionizing element 320 is preferably arranged between target 302 and pedestal 306, and is preferably configured to ionize at least a portion of the metal atoms sputtered from target 302 before the metal ions reach pedestal 306. More preferably, ionizing element 320 includes induction coil 310 configured around wetting layer deposition chamber 300 and mounted near or on sidewalls 311 of the chamber. The induction coil may turn around the chamber any number of times." Accordingly, these changes do not present new matter.

If the Examiner has any questions, comments, or suggestions, the undersigned attorney earnestly requests a telephone conference. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Conley, Rose & Tayon, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5298-03500.

Respectfully Submitted,

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